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SUBJECT: JUNE 23-24 OECD MINISTERIAL; BILATERAL MEETINGS WITH
THE SECRETARY

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1. WE HAVE RECEIVED NO INDICATION AS YET THAT
COORDINATION MINISTER PAPALIGOURAS WILL SEEK A
BILATERAL WITH THE SECRETARY AT THE OECD MINISTERIAL
NOR, NATURALLY, HAVE WE SOUGHT TO EXPLORE THE SUBJECT
IN ANY WAY. HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND THAT
PAPALIGOURAS IS THE SECOND-RANKING MINISTER IN THE GREEK
GOVERNMENT AND BECOMES ACTING PRIME MINISTER WHENEVER
CARAMANLIS IS AWAY FROM GREECE. HE IS ALSO EXTREMELY
CLOSE TO CARAMANLIS PERSONALLY, AND HE HAD AN
IMPORTANT BILATERAL MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER
UNDER SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES A YEAR AGO IN
PARIS.

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2. THEREFORE, PERHAPS EVEN AFTER HIS ARRIVAL
IN PARIS PAPALIGOURAS MIGHT SUGGEST PERSONALLY TO
THE SECRETARY THAT THEY ARRANGE TO GET TOGETHER FOR
A PRIVATE TALK. CERTAINLY, WE AT THE EMBASSY WOULD
STRONGLY FAVOR SUCH A MEETING AND, IF THE SECRETARY
COULD CONVENIENTLY FIT IT INTO HIS SCHEDULE, WE SEE
ADDITIONAL ADVANTAGE IN TERMS OF U.S.-GREEK

RELATIONS IF THE SECRETARY HIMSELF TOOK THE INITIATIVE
TO PROPOSE IT.
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